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Mammals.—Anteaters, armadillos, bears, chimpanzees, elephants, hippopotamuses, hyenas, jaguars, kangaroos, leopards, lions, lynxes, manatees, monkeys, ocelots, orang-utans, panthers, raccoons, rhinoceroses, sea-lions, seals, sloths, tapirs, tigers, or wildcats.

Birds.—Swans, wild doves, or wild pigeons of any kind.

Reptiles.—Alligators, lizards, snakes, tortoises, or other reptiles. Under the provisions of section 2 of said act (as stated in Circular No. 29 of the Biological Survey, issued July 13, 1900), canaries, parrots, and domesticated birds such as chickens, ducks, geese, guinea fowl, peafowl, and pigeons are subject to entry without permits. But with the exception of these species and those mentioned above, special permits from the Department of Agriculture will be required for all live animals and birds imported from abroad, and such permits must be presented to the collector of customs at the port of entry prior to delivery of the property.

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